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United States Mint Announces American Eagle 20th Anniversary Sets

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Three Sets Feature Silver, Gold Eagles in Uncirculated, Proof, Reverse Proof Finishes

WASHINGTON — The United States Mint today announced that three special sets celebrating the 20th anniversary of the American Eagle Coin Program will be available for sale on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, at 12:00 noon (ET).

- The three–coin American Eagle 20th Anniversary Silver Coin Set, priced at \$100, will contain one coin each of a proof, reverse proof and uncirculated silver eagle. The proof and uncirculated coins will have a "W" mint mark, and the reverse proof will have a "P" mint mark.
- The American Eagle 20th Anniversary Gold &Silver Set, priced at \$850, will contain one uncirculated silver eagle and one uncirculated one—ounce gold eagle, both bearing the "W" mint mark. The gold and silver set also will have an informative booklet outlining the history of gold and silver in coins throughout history.
- The three–coin American Eagle 20th Anniversary Gold Set, priced at \$2,610, will contain a proof, reverse proof and uncirculated one–ounce gold eagle, all bearing the "W" mint mark.

Set	Price	Maximum Mintage	Order Limit
American Eagle 20th Anniversary Silver Coin Set Three coins, one each: proof, reverse proof and uncirculated	\$100	250,000	10
American Eagle 20th Anniversary Gold &Silver Set Two coins: one uncirculated gold one oz. and one uncirculated silver	\$850	20,000	10
American Eagle 20th Anniversary Gold Coin Set Three coins, one each, one oz.: proof, reverse proof and uncirculated	\$2,610	10,000	10

The American Eagle Gold Proof Coins, which were first issued in 1986, bear a rendition of internationally renowned sculptor Augustus Saint–Gaudens' image of Liberty holding a torch and an olive branch aloft. The reverse of the gold American Eagles, by sculptor Miley Busiek, features a male eagle carrying an olive branch flying above a nest containing a female eagle and her hatchlings. The coins are struck at the United States Mint at West Point and bear the "W" mint mark.

The American Eagle Silver Proof Coin's obverse (heads) design is Adolph A. Weinman's full—length figure of Liberty in stride with her right hand extended and branches of laurel and oak in her left. The reverse (tails) design, by United States Mint Sculptor—Engraver John Mercanti, features the heraldic eagle with shield, an olive branch in the right talon and arrows in the left.

American Eagle Gold and Silver Reverse Proof Coins are one of the special offerings developed to celebrate the program's 20th anniversary. They feature a unique finish which results in a frosted field, or background, and a brilliant, mirror–like, finish on the raised elements of the coin, including the design and inscriptions. These coins are only available in the three–coin sets that celebrate the 20th anniversary of the American Eagle Programs.

American Eagle Gold and Silver Uncirculated Coins are being introduced in 2006. These coins feature the same finish as their bullion counterparts, but unlike the American Eagle Bullion Coins, the American Eagle Uncirculated Coins bear the mint mark of the facility that produces them and follow a different path through the manufacturing process. Specifically, the planchets used for American Eagle Uncirculated Coins are burnished, while those used for American Eagle Bullion Coins are not.

Because mintages of the 2006 American Eagle 20th Anniversary Sets are limited, orders should be placed early. The United States Mint reserves the right to limit quantities and may discontinue accepting orders at any time.

Customers can purchase the 2006 American Eagle 20th Anniversary Sets through the United States Mint's secure website at www.usmint.gov, or by calling toll–free 1–800–USA–MINT (872–6468) 8:00 a.m. to midnight (ET), seven days a week. Hearing–and speech–impaired customers may order by calling 1–888–321–MINT (6468) 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (ET), Monday through Friday.

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